

the Committee. The panel chair is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. People who wish to file written statements with the Advisory Committee may do so at any time.

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## PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT ASSESSMENT COMMISSION

### Meetings

Notice is hereby given of the meetings of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 and 16, 1997, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC, 202/857-3388.

The Full Commission will convene at 1:30 p.m., on April 15, 1997, and adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, April 16, 1997, the meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 12:15 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Ballroom (Diplomat, Consulate, and Ambassador rooms combined) each day.

All meetings are open to the public.

**Donald A. Young,**

*Executive Director.*

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title and purpose of information collection:* Student Beneficiary Monitoring; OMB 3220-0123. Under provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), there are two types of benefits whose payment is based upon the status of a child being a full-time student, a survivor benefit under Section 2 and an increased retirement benefit under Section 3(f)(3).

A survivor benefit is paid directly to the student unless there is a representative payee. The benefit for a student in a life case is paid by increasing the retired parent's annuity rate under the overall minimum guaranty. The requirements for obtaining benefits based on full-time student status are prescribed in 20 CFR 219.54 and 219.55.

The RRB requires evidence of full-time school attendance in order to determine that a child is entitled to student benefits. The RRB utilizes the following forms to conduct its student monitoring program. Form G-315, *Student Questionnaire*, obtains certification of a student's full-time school attendance. It also obtains information on a student's marital status, Social Security benefits, and employment which are needed to determine entitlement or continued entitlement to benefits under the RRA. Form G-315a, *Statement by School Official of Student's Full-time Attendance*, is used to obtain verification from a school that a student attends school full-time and provides their expected graduation date. Form G-315a.1, *Notice of Cessation of Full-Time Attendance*, is used by a school to notify the RRB that a student has ceased full-time school attendance. Completion is required to obtain or retain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent.

Forms G-315, G-315a, and G-315a.1 are being revised to include language required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. No other changes are proposed. The completion time for the G-315 is estimated at seven minutes per response. The completion time for the G-315a and G-315a.1 is estimated at two minutes. The RRB estimates that approximately 960 Form G-315's, 210

Form G-315a's and 60 Form G-315a.1's are received annually.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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*Title and purpose of information collection:* Employee Representative's Status and Compensation Reports; OMB 3220-0014.

Under Section 1(b)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the term "employee" includes an individual who is an employee representative. As defined in Section 1(c) of the RRA, an employee representative is an officer or official representative of a railway labor organization other than a labor organization included in the term "employer," as defined in the RRA, who before or after August 29, 1935, was in the service of an employer under the RRA and who is duly authorized and designated to represent employees in accordance with the Railway Labor Act, or, any individual who is regularly